

## EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

### HIRE A VETERAN WEEK

SPEECH OF

**HON. JOE BACA**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, January 30, 2007*

Mr. BACA. Madam Speaker, I ask unanimous consent to address the House for 1 minute.

Madam Speaker, I rise today in support of H. Con. Res. 5, which would direct the President to establish Hire a Veteran Week.

As a veteran, I want to thank my colleague, Representative HOLT, for introducing this resolution on behalf of our brave troops who fight for our freedom.

Madam Speaker, unemployment rates for veterans in their twenties are almost twice as high as their civilian peers.

This is unacceptable.

We're sending 18- and 19-year-olds to fight in a mistaken war in Iraq.

The least we can do is make sure that they have a good job when they come home.

The system is broken, Madam Speaker. And our veterans are paying the price.

Our veterans show us excellence in the battlefield—they will show us excellence in the workplace.

I urge my colleagues to support this resolution and to give our veterans the dignity and respect they deserve.

### IN MEMORY OF DANIEL GATHRIGHT

**HON. MIKE ROSS**

OF ARKANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, January 31, 2007*

Mr. ROSS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the memory of my friend Daniel Gathright, who passed away January 25, 2007, in Arkadelphia, Arkansas.

Dan Gathright was a pillar of the community of Arkadelphia and of Southern Arkansas for decades. While attending school at Southern State College, now known as Southern Arkansas University in Magnolia, Dan worked as a dispatcher at the Magnolia Police Department. Upon graduating, he worked at Washington Regional Hospital in Fayetteville before being named Assistant Administrator at Crittenden Memorial Hospital in West Memphis. In 1979, Dan moved to Arkadelphia and joined the Baptist Medical System where he served as Administrator of Twin Rivers Medical Center. He was later named Administrator and Senior Vice President of Baptist Health where he served until his death.

Dan Gathright was a member of the First Baptist Church of Arkadelphia, the Arkadelphia Rotary, the Clark County American Red Cross and a Board Member of the Arkadelphia Chamber of Commerce. Dan also served as President of the Clark County United Way and

the Arkadelphia Band Boosters. His dedication to making Arkadelphia a better place to live could not have been greater. I am glad our paths crossed and I had the honor of knowing and working with Dan on health care issues.

My deepest condolences go to his wife, Shayron Looney Gathright of Warren; his son Michael Gathright of Frisco, Texas; his father, Archie Gathright of Magnolia; his sister Maretta Bullock of McNeil; and to his 2 grandchildren. Dan Gathright will be greatly missed in Arkadelphia and throughout the State of Arkansas.

### COMMENDING DONALD HOFFPAUIR

**HON. CHARLES W. BOUSTANY, JR.**

OF LOUISIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, January 31, 2007*

Mr. BOUSTANY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to applaud the devoted service of Donald Hoffpauir to the people of Acadia Parish. Donald recently retired following twenty-two years of dedicated work in the Acadia Parish Tax Assessor's Office, where he served as a Personal Property Manager.

Throughout his career, Donald was known as a skilled and loyal manager, always willing to assist his co-workers and the many customers who called upon the tax assessor's office.

I ask my colleagues to join me and the people of Acadia Parish in wishing Donald Hoffpauir a happy retirement, and congratulating him for his invaluable accomplishments for the state of Louisiana.

### EFFECT OF BUDGET RESOLUTION ON FORT KNOX

**HON. RON LEWIS**

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, January 31, 2007*

Mr. LEWIS of Kentucky. I rise to register my strong disappointment over the dramatic cuts made to the Military Construction account in this year's budget for military installations affected by the 2005 Base Realignment and Closure Commission.

I am proud to represent Fort Knox. The overwhelming support demonstrated by local citizens, base officials and elected leaders continues to cement Fort Knox's position as a premiere military installation surrounded by communities that are wonderful places to live, work and raise families.

As a result of the 2005 Base Realignment and Closure Commission recommendations, Fort Knox is presently transforming from an institutional training installation to a multi-functional installation that will include an active duty infantry brigade combat team and the Army's Human Resources Command.

Construction has already begun on base to align infrastructure and industry to accommo-

date these new military operations. Simultaneously, many of the communities that surround Fort Knox are preparing for the arrival of thousands of new military and civilian employees and their families; negotiating contracts for new homes, schools, businesses and road improvements. These are indeed exciting times for the region.

The Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2007 budgeted approximately 5.6 billion dollars for military construction at BRAC impacted bases. House Leaders are now proposing budget cuts that would reduce promised funding by approximately 3 billion dollars. This funding shortfall would seriously impede necessary preparations at a number of bases including Fort Knox, leaving the installation and community ill-equipped to accommodate requisite changes.

Democrat leaders moved unilaterally to cut these funds, contradicting Speaker PELOSI's pledge to ensure an "open, honest and full debate" on all matters before the House. If my colleagues and I in the minority were allowed due consideration in the process, preserving full funding would have been our top priority.

In the face of significant changes, Ft. Knox and other installations need our full commitment to provide in full resources that will allow them to set new standards of excellence and grow as an integral part of our nations defense capacities.

### ADMINISTRATION INTERFERENCE WITH CLIMATE CHANGE SCIENCE

**HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, January 31, 2007*

Mr. KUCINICH. Madam Speaker, I gave the attached statement, in opposition to the Administration's interference in Climate Change science on January 30, 2007.

Hearing on "Political Interference with Science: Global Warming" January 30, 2007.

I want to first thank the Chairman for holding this hearing that, like so many other hearings we will be having, is long overdue. Global warming will be a defining issue of this generation and of many to come.

There is substantial scientific certainty around climate change. Scientists are confident that global warming is happening. Similarly, the vast majority of experts on the issue agree that human activities are to blame. If that was not obvious already, it will be after this week when the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change releases its long awaited report.

The only uncertainty to be debated is the pace and intensity of warming that will face us. Will the pace of warming remain steady or accelerate predictably? Or can we expect

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